

**RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2008
6:00 P.M.**

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 W 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Bostic called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., with Allen Shelton, Darrin McGowan, Mike Buckley, and Cindy Humphrey answering roll call. Councilman Goins was not present. Also present was City Attorney, Ron Wilson.

MINUTES * * * *

Minutes of the July 1, 2008 meeting were presented for approval. McGowan made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Humphrey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT * * * *

Mayor Bostic reported there will be a City picnic on August 28 from 5:00-8:00 at the Community Building. The pool will be open.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT * * * *

Copley reminded Council that the first Council meeting in August will be on Monday, August 4th instead of Tuesday, August 5th.

Asked Council when they would like to meet to go over the budget. The work session will be Tuesday, July 22, at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall. It was decided to have the Department Heads come in during the second hour for discussion. Copley will e-mail a copy of what the Department Heads have proposed as soon as possible so there will be some time to review before Tuesday.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT * * * *

None.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS * * * *

Police - Lane has passed his physical and psychological testing. They are waiting on the results for Schuman. The next step is approval from PERF.

Fire — Jenkins said John Mull had done some research and has provided this information that would streamline the ordinance on mowing for high weeds and

grass. He said he has had a very long list of places that needed mowing. He will put something together for the next meeting.

Park – There will be a sock hop Wednesday from 6:30-8:30 at the amphitheater.

Animal – Jarman gave a 6 month report. He said they have taken in 368 animals. 202 of those were from the County, 88 were from the City, and 78 were strays. They have euthanized 69 animals. They have 15 animals scheduled for the spay and neutering clinic.

CITIZEN CONCERNS * * * *

McGowan said he had a concern regarding chickens at 830 West 10th Street. He said the ordinance was not very clear and thought we need to amend it to make clearer. The way the ordinance reads it sounds as though it is okay to have chickens if they are in a pen. Wilson said that is not correct. McGowan suggested amending the ordinance to read that “no farm animals are allowed in the City limits”

Dodie Hudson a resident of West 5th Street said they live in the historic district and wanted to make improvements to the patio and drive way, but wanted to make sure it was okay to proceed. Jim Huston, Chairman of the Historic Board, said they were free to proceed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS * * * *

3rd Reading of Zoning Ordinance Regarding Historic Board – McGowan questioned the legality of moving on to the 2nd reading of the ordinance at the last meeting without suspending the rules first. Wilson said, no, not for second reading on the same night. For a third reading, yes, it would require a suspension of rules on unanimous vote to do that.

McGowan said according to Roberts Rules of Order a suspension of rules allows a violation of assemblies own rules. He said it must have unanimous approval.

Wilson said it was not enacted the same night it was introduced. Wilson said that even if it was passed on the third reading tonight that it would still have to go to the Zoning Board for advertisement and a public meeting.

Humphrey questioned the fact that the ordinance would not require the board member to own property in the City, but to only be a resident of the City who is interested in the preservation and development of historic areas or districts. Wilson said that is correct.

Bostic called for a vote on 3rd reading. There was no motion made by the City Council, therefore the amendment to the ordinance was not approved.

NEW BUSINESS * * * *

Amphitheater Budget – Gary Cameron and Angela Poore presented a list of improvements the committee would like to complete in 2009. The improvements totaled \$47,200.00

Resolution 2008-11- Adding Monies Back to Appropriations – Shelton made a motion to approve Resolution 2008-11. Humphrey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claims – Humphrey made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Shelton seconded the motion. Motion carried. Buckley abstained from voting on the claims regarding his salary.

There was no further business to come before Council, Humphrey made a motion to adjourn. Shelton seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

MERVYN R. BOSTIC, MAYOR

ALLEN W. SHELTON, MEMBER

DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER

MICHAEL BUCKLEY, MEMBER

WILLIAM R. GOINS, MEMBER
ATTEST:

CINDRA K. HUMPHREY, MEMBER

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER